



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

MARCH 13, 2016  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

## Gathering

**PRELUDE**

*Lento*

Jean Langlais

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Rev. Ryo (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

**FAITH IN ACTION** Habitat House of Faith

Rev. Sanderford (8:00)

Kent Palmquist (9:30/11:00)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 126

One: It was said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

One: Restore our fortunes, O Lord.  
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**All: May those who go out weeping come home  
with shouts of joy.**

\* **HYMN 483** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of all, you know what is on our hearts without our having to speak a word. You know the sins that weigh heavy on us and those that we have grown accustomed to bearing. We confess to willful disobedience and to sloppy inattention to the concerns of those around us. We admit that we frequently ignore you when our path is easy, yet want your speedy intervention when the going is hard. As you prepare to journey to Jerusalem, help us hear your call to accompany you and to give of ourselves as you give yourself for us.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

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\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."*

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

This response is Hymn 572.

 **Proclaiming** 

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)

Anne Gere (9:30)

Heidi Dodson (11:00)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 126

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** (9:30/11:00)

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** John 12:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Daniel Ervin (8:00)

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

\* **HYMN 427** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

BLAENHAFREN

**WELCOME**

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. Béghin (11:00)

*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.*

**WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS** (9:30)

Jim Cameron

*New members joining the church today are Franklin Epiëpang, Allison Everett, Xavier Jones, Jessica Menke, Allan Monich, Jeanne Monich, Doug Vredeveld, Judy Vredeveld, and Yuan (John) Yao.*

**Reception of New Members**

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Hymn of Welcome    *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

*Blessed They*

Johannes Brahms

from *A German Requiem*

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall have comfort. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Who goeth forth and weepeth, and beareth seed, precious seed, shall doubtless return with rejoicing, and bring his sheaves with him.

Text from Matthew 5:4 and Psalm 126:5-6

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

*See Communion Card*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**



Sending



\* HYMN 366

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

ST. CATHERINE

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Traveling through this wilderness.**

\* POSTLUDE

*Prelude in E minor*

J. S. Bach

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\* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices (in the Sanctuary) and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

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**Welcome to all!** Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are

Brad Taylor and Dianne Santinga. **Church Office volunteers** are Carol Downton and Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Carol and Doug Gottlieb for the 9:30 a.m. service, and Linda Lampman and Meg and Paul Brown for the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Ushers** are Dale Leslie at 8:00 a.m.; Paul Smith (captain), Kate Silbert, Kay Fuller, Nicole Jolliet, Olivier Jolliet, Dean Gilchrist, Dick Cooke, Jinx Cooke, Angela Yang, Jackson Turner, and Carol Smith at 9:30 a.m.; and Brady West (captain), Bev Pelletier, Jim Douglass, Alice Gaujanian, Cindy Andress, and Jeanette Middleton at 11:00 a.m.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Prayer team members are Bill McPherson, Paul Kirton, and Catherine Kendall following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Gail Grady and Cyndy Colton following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Pray, and let God worry." – Martin Luther

**The chancel flowers** are given in appreciation of our prayer ministry team, coordinated by Marolin Bellefleur, which faithfully meets after every worship service to offer prayer for those in need.

**The red rosebud** celebrates the birth of Gabriel Ternes Mallick, son of Brooke and Ameer Mallick, born March 1, 2016, in Chicago, Illinois. Gabriel is the grandson of Debbie and John Ternes.

**The beautiful daffodils** are a gift from the First Pres Deacons to help celebrate God's glory. Following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services, the Deacons invite you to take a small vase of daffodils from the Sanctuary and share them, along with a special card prepared just for this purpose. Consider contacting a church member you may not have seen recently, or give the card and flowers to someone else of your choosing who may need a lift of their spirits. The cards will be available from Rev. Rogers at the Communion Table after the service.

## **TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, [www.waamannarbor.com](http://www.waamannarbor.com).

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Barb Carlisle, Kay Erdman, and Dawn Pankopf. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **The Russia Mission Team** will be taking pre-paid orders (\$10 per item) for Russian Apple Cakes and Easter Cakes. Cakes may be picked up during Coffee Hour next Sunday, March 20. Funds raised support our mission work in Russia. For more information contact Linda Speck (677-0620 or [aa3013@wayne.edu](mailto:aa3013@wayne.edu)).

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**Quad D Potluck Brunch** is at noon in the Social Hall. If you are a Quad D member (48108 zip code plus Saline, Chelsea, Brighton, South Lyon, and Whitmore Lake), join in the fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal with your deacon and fellow chapel members.

#### **Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

**Childcare and Sunday School classes** are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for preschoolers at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

#### **Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

**Munch & Mingle** is at 9:20 a.m. in the 100 level hallway. **Sunday School classes** meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Youth Choir** rehearses 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. **Youth Dinner** is at 5:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room. **Mids** youth group is 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room. **Keystones** youth group meet, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., in the Youth Room.

#### **College Ministry Opportunities:**

**Lunch** immediately follows the 11:00 a.m. service. There is no charge for college students. Meet in the Welcome Center.

#### **Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room/Library for Bible exploration and discussion centered on the Gospel of John. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

**First Couples** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore resurrection, the core historical principle of Christian faith and practice. Presenters are class members who will use *Living the Question* DVD.

**Exploring the Faith** meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for "Medicine for the Soul of a Broken City: Tyree Guyton's Heidelberg Project," a presentation by Dr. Bradley Taylor.

**Common Ground** meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for "To Do Justice." Today we explore themes of forgiveness and restorative justice as we screen segments from *Unlikely Friends*, a series of short video essays exploring the stories of victims of crimes who encounter their perpetrators. The presenter is Rev. Sanderford.

**T2A2 Does Bible** meets in the Founders Room at noon. If you are in your 20s or 30s, please join us.

**T2A2 Planning Meeting** is at 5:00 p.m. in the Vance Room. Please join us as we plan for the next couple of months; your input and your voice are extremely important for T2A2 to continue to grow and flourish. Everyone in their twenties and thirties is invited!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**There's something for everyone at the final *Wednesday@First* of the semester!**

5:15 p.m.	Children's Choir
5:20 p.m.	<i>Story Song</i> Preschool Story Time
6:00 p.m.	Dinner and fellowship
7:00 p.m.	Worship in Monteith Hall

Dinner which features grilled pork tenderloin, rice pilaf, and spinach salad, is \$7 per meal if payment is received by Monday each week or \$9 per person at the door. Children five and under eat free. Register on our website or by contacting the Church Office. Resident Minister Daniel Ervin leads worship this week.

**Mature Ministries invites everyone age 60 and up to these events:**

***Hilltoppers*** this Thursday, March 10, at noon in the Social Hall. A hot lunch (\$5) prepared by Chef Christine will be followed by "Bringing Conservation to Cities," a presentation by John Hartig, manager of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. Reservations may be made by contacting the Church Office.

**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, March 18, at 5:30 p.m., at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road. All are welcome.

**First Pres tours the Heidelberg Project.** Join us on Thursday, March 31, to visit this amazing art installation in the city of Detroit before it ends. Tyree Guyton, creative force, and Jenenne Whitfield, the project's CEO, will be our hosts for the morning and will discuss with us the role the project played in the revitalization of Detroit. Lunch with Tyree Guyton in a private dining room at the Traffic Jam & Snug in Detroit will follow, along with a discussion of the morning's visit and Guyton's decision to bring the project to an end after 30 years. The First Pres visit will be one of the last opportunities to visit this landmark before its dismantling begins. We will depart Ann Arbor by chartered bus at 8:45 a.m. and return about 2:45 p.m. Transportation is provided at no cost, but spots are limited. Note: Two lectures at First Pres will be offered by First Pres member Brad Taylor at 11:00 a.m. March 13 (on this project as an artistic creation) and March 20 (on this project as a social phenomenon) to help pave the way for the visit. Sign up for the bus by contacting Rev. Rogers or the Church Office.

**A new women's Bible study group begins** Tuesday, April 5, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room. This seven-week study will journey through the Psalms of Ascent using material written by Beth Moore. Workbooks, available for purchase (\$20) on April 5, include daily studies. For more information contact Lois Nissly (761-2959; lnissly@comcast.net), Anne Kloack (973-2826; annekloack@sbcglobal.net), or Mary Kay Gray (971-7079).

**Would you like to sponsor flowers for worship?** These dates are available for you to give flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, or in celebration of a special anniversary or birthday: July 3, July 31, August 7, August 21, September 4, October 23, October 30, November 13, November 20, and December 11. Other dates might be available. Contact Lori Wolters (loriwolters@yahoo.com) for more information.

## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP**

### **Palm Sunday worship is March 20, at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.**

There will be a Palm Parade at the beginning of the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Children will meet Debbie MacVey in the Social Hall at 9:20 a.m. for the 9:30 a.m. service and at 10:50 a.m. for the 11:00 a.m. service to prepare participants for the Palm Parade. The 9:30 a.m. service will include special musical leadership by the children and youth.

### **Maundy Thursday worship is March 24, at 10:30 a.m. at Glacier Hills in the Hanson Room and at 7:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary.**

Maundy Thursday recalls the Last Supper. Jesus' love for all people is shown by his service to others. All are welcome to worship with our older members at Glacier Hills. The evening service is an inter-generational service.

### **Good Friday worship is March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

This reflective service is conducted in a darkened church and remembers the suffering and death of Christ.

### **Easter Sunday worship is March 27 with four worship services.**

Lent is over. The celebration begins! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

**Traditional worship services are at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.** Rev. Dr. Fair will preach.

**A worship service at 10:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall** will be led by Rev. Sanderford. This service is for those for whom a less-crowded worship experience is preferred.

**Easter morning fellowship** is in the Lounge on the 300 level before and after the 8:00 a.m. service. Join us for Hot Cross Buns, fruit, and beverages.

**Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day.** Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available for the 9:30, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. services, and for the 8:00 a.m. service by reservation.

**Please make considerate parking choices** to leave open as many spaces near the church as possible for people with mobility issues. Handicapped spaces will be designated in the parking lot on the Hillemonds Chapel side of the church. Parking is permitted on Washtenaw Avenue and Hill Street on Sunday mornings and free parking is available in the nearby parking structure at 650 South Forest Avenue.

**Bring fresh flowers to add to our Flowering Crosses** located outside the Sanctuary on the front steps and in the Monteith Hall vestibule. Store-bought flowers are welcome.

**Easter lilies** will grace the Nave on Easter Sunday. Sign up in the Church Office or on our website **by Thursday, March 17, at 5:00 p.m.**, to donate a lily in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$17. After Easter worship, our deacons will deliver the lilies to members and friends of our congregation who are ill, grieving, or homebound.

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## **PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

Reverend Dr. James Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry

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Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

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